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SUBJECT: UK REPORT ON ITALIAN INTEREST IN NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS
MEETING

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 152144; (B) STATE 157794

1. WILBERFORCE OF UK EMBASSY INFORMED VEST, DIRECTOR
PM OF APPROACH BY COUNSELLOR BIANCHERI, ITALIAN EMBASSY
LONDON TO EDMONDS, HEAD OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT
DIVISION, UK FOREIGN OFFICE REQUESTING ITALIAN
PARTICIPATION IN NEXT MEETING. HE ALSO SAID THAT GOI
HAD MADE SIMILAR APPROACH IN WASHINGTON AND BONN AND
PLANNED APPROACH TO OTHER FOUR CAPITALS CONCERNED.

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2. EDMONDS SAID THAT UK WOULD OF COURSE CONSULT OTHER PARTICIPANTS ON ITALIAN REPRESENTATIONS BUT STRESSED THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE AT EARLY STAGE.

3. WILBERFORCE SAID UK FOREIGN OFFICE WAS THEREFORE REQUESTING OPINION OF US AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS RE HOW TO HANDLE GOI REQUEST. VEST SAID THAT US HAD BEEN APPROACHED (REF A) AND THAT US HAD RESPONDED AS REPORTED IN (REF B). VEST REAFFIRMED THAT US DID NOT BELIEVE ITALIANS SHOULD BE INCLUDED AT THIS POINT.

4. WILBERFORCE ASKED VEST'S OPINION WHETHER GOI SHOULD BE KEPT INFORMED ON SUPPLIER ACTIVITIES AND IF SO WHO SHOULD DO IT. VEST SAID THAT HE THOUGHT EC MEMBERS OF SUPPLIERS CLUB SHOULD DIVIDE THESE QUESTIONS AMONG THEMSELVES SINCE ITALIAN INVOLVEMENT WAS PARTICULARLY ON EC MATTER. KISSINGER

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